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SUBJECT:AUTOMOTIVE NOISE CONTROL

1. PURSUANT TO THE NOISE CONTROL ACT (PL 92-574 OF
OCTOBER 1972), THE US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IS
CURRENTLY CONSIDERING WHETHER TO ISSUE A NOTICE OF PROPOSED
RULEMAKING TO COVER NOISE EMANATING FROM AUTOMOBILES AND
LIGHT DUTY VEHICLES. RATIONALE IS THAT AS ENGINEERING

CHANGES ARE MADE TO MEET FEDERAL FUEL AND ENERGY STANDARDS/REGULATIONS AUTOMOBILES BECOME INCREASINGLY NOISY, DUE TO LIGHTER CONSTRUCTION OF ENGINES AND BODY METAL AROUND ENGINE COMPARTMENT, HIGHER ENGINE REVOLUTIONS PER MINUTE, LESS ROOM FOR SOUNDPROOFING MATERIALS, AND OTHER REASONS. INCREASED USE OF DIESEL ENGINES ALSO PRESENTS PROBLEM. SUCH A RULE COULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT AUTOMOTIVE EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES, SINCE MANUFACTURERS OF SMALLER CARS, SPORTS CARS, AND SIMILAR VEHICLES WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY MEETING NOISE STANDARDS.

2. EPA'S OFFICE OF NOISE ABATEMENT AND CONTROL (ONAC) IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO INVOLVE MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTERS IN ALL APPROPRIATE ASPECTS OF THIS PROBLEM, AND HAS WORKED WITH OECD ON THE PROBLEM.

3. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY FOR EUROPEAN MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS TO BECOME AWARE OF THE PROBLEM, AND TO WORK WITH EPA IF THEY WISH, EPA PROPOSES TO SEND TWO OFFICIALS TO EUROPE DURING WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20 TO MEET WITH INTERESTED PARTIES FOR PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF SITUATION. REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE CHARLES ELKINS, DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR NOISE CONTROL PROGRAMS, AND HENRY E. THOMAS, DIRECTOR, STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS DIVISION.

4. EPA PROPOSES FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

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FEBRUARY 22: PARIS
FEBRUARY 23: ITALY-(REQUEST EMBASSY ADVICE ON BEST LOCATION, TURIN, MILAN, OR ROME)
FEBRUARY 24: FRANKFURT (UNLESS EMBASSY ADVISES OTHERWISE)
FEBRUARY 25: STOCKHOLM
(DETAILED ITINERARY TO FOLLOW ON RECEIPT OF POSTS' REPLIES.)

5. MEETING FORMAT WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR PRESENTATION BY ELKINS AND THOMAS, FOLLOWED BY OPEN DISCUSSION. EPA PREFERS OPEN MEETING FORMAT SO THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE SAME INFORMATION TOGETHER. INDIVIDUAL POSTS MAY, AT THEIR DISCRETION, ARRANGE SUCH ADDITIONAL CLOSED MEETINGS AS ARE FELT APPROPRIATE.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE POSTS' ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP MEETINGS AND INVITING APPROPRIATE INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES. PLEASE INFORM EPA OF ARRANGEMENTS AND PARTICIPANTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN ORDER FOR

TRAVELLERS TO MAKE REASONABLE CONNECTIONS, REQUEST MEETINGS BE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NOT EARLIER THAN 9:30 AM AND TO RUN NOT LATER THAN 4:00 PM. WOULD PREFER TO FLY TO EACH NEXT DESTINATION LATE AFTERNOON PREVIOUS DAY.

7. FOR USEC: AS YOU WILL NOTE, EPA OFFICIALS ADHERING TO A VERY TIGHT SCHEDULE. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF INTEREST IN EC COMMISSION IN ISSUES RELATING TO REGULATION OF AUTOMOBILES, HENRY THOMAS (AND POSSIBLY CHARLES ELKINS) WOULD BE PLEASED TO TRAVEL TO BRUSSELS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL(S) IF LATTER AVAILABLE AND INTERESTED ON THAT DATE. PLEASE ADVISE.

8. FOR TOKYO: EPA'S TECHNICAL OFFICE BELIEVES JAPANESE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY HAS BEEN WELL REPRESENTED AT MEETINGS

WHICH HAVE BEEN HELD IN THE US ON THIS SUBJECT. ALSO,
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THAT JAPANESE APPARENTLY HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY TO MEET POSSIBLE NOISE STANDARDS. EMBASSY MAY, HOWEVER, WISH TO RAISE THE MATTER INFORMALLY WITH GOJ. IF LATTER WISHES FURTHER INFORMATION AND/OR MEETINGS, EPA WOULD BE HAPPY TO ACCOMODATE.

9. PRIME PURPOSE OF VISIT IS, AS NOTED, TO DISCUSS NOISE REGS FOR CARS AND LIGHT DUTY VEHICLES. HOWEVER, EPA WILL BE REGULATING FOLLOWING LIST OF PRODUCTS IN NEAR FUTURE AND WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS THEM AS WELL WITH HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS IF INTEREST EXISTS: MOTORCYCLES, BUSSES, LAWNMOWERS, GARBAGE COMPACTORS, TRUCK MOUNTED REFRIGERATION UNITS, WHEELED AND CRAWLER TRACTORS (NON-FARM), PAVEMENT BREAKERS, ROCK DRILLS, AIR CONDITIONERS.

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